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requirements. Affiliate brokers licensed before July 1, 1980 are not required to complete continuing education and brokers who have completed their post broker education are not required to provide proof of any further education. The Commission does suggest that even those "grandfathered" individuals request that schools provide proof of attendance so that educational experiences can be added to their licensure files. It is anticipated that education history will be available on the Commission's website within 12 to 18 months so that licensees can check to determine if their education requirements have been met. Consumers can also check the site to see if their representatives have recently attended educational sessions.

## **TREC Encourages Completion of Education Requirements Early**

The Commission wishes to remind licensees that all requirements for the next renewal of real estate licenses must be completed on or before November 1, 2002. Renewal fees must be paid, E&O insurance must be in place and any and all education requirements must be met by that date.

The Commission encourages licensees to complete education requirements well in advance of the deadline. It is hoped that licensees will be able check the completed education courses TREC has on file via our website within the next year to 18 months.

## **In Order to Better Serve You**

When calling, faxing or e-mailing the Commission's office concerning your license, please have your personal or firm's license number available to provide to the staff member who receives your communication. License numbers are unique to the holder and make it possible to quickly access the license information.

The Commission does have an automated phone system established to better serve both licensees and the public. There are five basic areas of contact. The following information is provided to assist you in dialing up the correct area:

Dial 1 for - Voice Mail, Mailing Address and Fax Number, Forms, License Renewal Information, Licensee Information and Information concerning E&O Insurance.

Dial 2 for - Certifications, Transfers and Address Changes, Licensing Processing, Non-Resident License Applications and Change of Status (Active to Retired, etc.).

Dial 3 for - Complaints

Dial 4 for - Education Information.

Dial 5 for the Commission's Administrative Offices.

TREC's website can also be accessed to obtain forms and check on licensees at:

**[www.state.tn.us/commerce/trec](http://www.state.tn.us/commerce/trec)**

When calling TREC concerning recently taken education, please allow at least 20 days from the time the education is completed before checking to see if TREC has received it and attached it to your licensure file.

The TREC office receives several hundred phone calls each day. While every attempt is made to have phone calls answered, it is possible that you will reach voice mail and will need to leave a message. It is the policy of the Commission's staff to return voice-mail messages within 24 to 36 hours of receipt. Please leave your name, license number, information concerning your inquiry and your telephone number (including the area code) and/or your e-mail address.

### **Attention Principal Brokers:**

It is suggested you perform an internal audit to determine if all individuals affiliated with your firm have renewed their licenses and have license expiration dates of December 31, 2002.

## **Real Estate Commission Celebrates 50th Anniversary**

The Tennessee Real Estate Commission was created by statute in 1951 under the leadership of then Governor Gordon Weaver Browning. The Commission was an independent agency until 1959 when the Department of Commerce and Insurance was established by law to house boards and commissions which regulate professions and businesses.

The Commission is seeking names and contact information for persons who have held a real estate license since 1951. If you are such a person or know of such a person, please contact Joan Burk at the TREC office in Nashville. Ms. Burk can be reached by phone at 615-741-2273 or 800-342-4031 or by fax at 615-741-0313.